

**4870. Adulteration of so-called cognac type brandy. U. S. \* \* \* v. 1  
Barrel of Brandy. Consent decree of condemnation and forfeiture.  
Product ordered released on bond. (F. & D. No. 6718. I. S. No.  
7875-k. S. No. W-53.)**

On July 12, 1915, the United States attorney for the District of Utah, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district a libel for the seizure and condemnation of 1 barrel of brandy, remaining unsold in the original unbroken package at Salt Lake City, Utah, alleging that the article had been shipped in interstate commerce, on or about June 8, 1915, by Sol Block & Griff, Kansas City, Mo., and transported from the State of Missouri into the State of Utah, and charging adulteration in violation of the Food and Drugs Act. The article was labeled: (On one end of barrel) "Brandy, Sol Block & Griff. Wholesale Liquor Dealers, Sixth District Missouri." (On other end of barrel) "Cognac Type Brandy." the word "Type" being stamped on an eagle design, in small letters, between the words "Cognac" and "Brandy," which appears in large characters.

Adulteration of the article was alleged in the libel for the reason that, while branded "Cognac Type Brandy," neutral spirits, artificially colored, had been mixed and packed with and substituted for cognac type brandy, which the label represented the article to be; that said artificially colored neutral spirits had been mixed and packed with the article so as to reduce, lower, and injuriously affect its quality.

On December 11, 1915, Sol Block and Theodore W. Griff, partners trading under the name of Sol Block & Griff, claimants, having filed their answer and claim, consenting to a decree, judgment of condemnation and forfeiture was entered, and it was ordered by the court that the product should be disposed of by sale; provided, however, that upon the execution by claimants of a bond in the sum of \$100, conditioned upon the product not being sold or disposed of contrary to the provisions of the act, it should be delivered to claimants.

CARL VROOMAN, *Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*